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This summary of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of the Colony of Mauritius has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that colony.

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The information contained in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but it is not intended to be used independently of, nor as a substitute for, the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. 4, June 30, 1910, to prevent the introduction into the Colony of diseases of plants.

This ordinance authorizes the Governor in Executive Council to prohibit or restrict importation of articles from any place.

Proclamation No. 10, Feb. 29, 1936.

Under the authority of Ordinance No. 4, Proclamation No. 10, February 29, 1936, prohibits or restricts the importation into the Colony of Mauritius of the following:

Importation Prohibited

LIVE PLANTS OF ALL SORTS, including roots, tubers, cuttings and grafts in any description of earth or soil: Importation prohibited from any source.

EARTH AND LEAF AND GARDEN MOLD; dung or animal droppings (except guano, and dung and animal droppings from Rodrigues); forage timber with bark on: Importation from any source prohibited.

SEEDS OF PLANTS FOR USE AS GREEN DRESSINGS: Prohibited from Reunion.

Importation Restricted

GRAPEVINE PLANTS proceeding from countries where phylloxera exists: Importation allowed only when the plants are accompanied by a certificate signed by the Director of Agriculture, or other competent official authority of the country of origin, to the effect that the vines have not been exposed to infestation by phylloxera for the 6 weeks prior to the date of shipment.

SAND AND BALLAST: Importation allowed only under a permit previously obtained from the Director of Agriculture subject to such conditions as he may prescribe.

TOBACCO SEEDS from any country or place, including the Dependencies of Mauritius: Importation permitted only if the seeds are either accompanied by a certificate of competent authority of the country of origin that the seeds have been properly disinfected before shipment, or, in the absence of a certificate, after disinfection in the Colony by the Department of Agriculture before delivery.

POTATOES FROM ANY SOURCE: From July 1, 1936, importation will be permitted only when each shipment is accompanied by a certificate, issued by competent authority of the country of origin, affirming that the potatoes originated in a district free from potato wart (Synchytrium endobioticum (Schilb.) Perc.), and Colorado potato beetle (Leptinotarsa decemlineata Say).

Importation Only under Permit

The following articles may be imported only under a permit previously obtained from the Director of Agriculture. The issuance of the permit shall be in the discretion of the Director of Agriculture, who may attach conditions or may limit the number of plants, cuttings, or other articles to be imported:

SUGARCANES OR CUTTINGS, or any other part thereof, and living vegetable parts of any other member of the family of Graminae.

LIVING PLANTS OR BULBILS of Agave or Fourcroea.

Dung or animal droppings from Rodrigues.

LIVE PLANTS OF ALL SORTS, and parts thereof, and all seeds and fresh fruits when imported by air transport.

Importation Subject to Inspection on Arrival

The following articles when imported under a permit from the Director of Agriculture, or where the importation thereof is not prohibited, shall before delivery at the port of entry be inspected by an authorized official:

SUGARCANE or cuttings thereof;

LIVE PLANTS of all sorts, including roots, tubers, cuttings, grafts, buds, and all parts or sections of any sort, of live plants;

ALL SEEDS AND FRESH FRUITS whatsoever;

Dung or animal droppings from Rodrigues.

If, on such inspection, the articles are found to be not free from pests or diseases, they may be ordered to be destroyed by the consignee or his agent under the supervision of the inspecting officer, or to be subjected to such process of disinfection or treatment as the inspection officer may prescribe, and the consignee or his agent shall pay in respect of such treatment such fees and charges as are prescribed. Containers and packing also may be destroyed.

Sugarcanes, live plants, and parts thereof may be grown in quarantine subject to inspection by the Department of Agriculture during at least 12 months from the date of importation and treated according to findings during that period.

The government reserves the right to import any plant material it may require for scientific purposes.

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